

House Resolution 225

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Ashe of the 56th, Dickson of the 6th, Smith of the 70th, Hudson of the 124th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 4, 2009, as "Girls and Women in Sports Day" and commending
2 Georgia's outstanding female athletes; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, "Girls and Women in Sports Day" falls on February 4, 2009, and its purpose
4 is to recognize women and girls in sports across Georgia, to celebrate the outstanding
5 achievements of female athletes, and to direct attention to the unique issues facing females
6 in sports; and

7 WHEREAS, the girls and women of Georgia have always been winners in their athletic
8 endeavors on the sports fields and arenas across Georgia and the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, many groups and individuals have worked tirelessly to promote and enhance
10 opportunities for female athletes in Georgia's schools and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, T. Fitz Johnson through his new Atlanta franchise team has demonstrated his
12 commitment to women's sports and opportunities to women in sports by bringing
13 professional women's soccer back to Georgia this spring; and

14 WHEREAS, the number of women, young and old, competing in athletic events continues
15 to grow and Georgia's women continue to shine in their athletic performances, including the
16 many medalists at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China; and

17 WHEREAS, the entire State of Georgia is proud of our female athletes, both past and
18 present, and is grateful for the reflected glory; and

19 WHEREAS, it has been proven that participation in athletics strengthens the self-esteem as
20 well as health of Georgia's girls and women and enhances their ability to lead full lives and
21 to contribute to their community and family; and

22 WHEREAS, in connection with "Girls and Women in Sports Day," the most outstanding
23 female high school, college, and professional athletes in Georgia during the past year will be
24 named and honored; and

25 WHEREAS, in order to commend and honor Georgia's female athletes, the state will
26 recognize February 4, 2009, "Girls and Women in Sports Day."

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 this body recognizes February 4, 2009, as "Girls and Women in Sports Day" and commends
29 and congratulates all the girls and women in Georgia who participate in sports and achieve
30 so much in the world of athletics.